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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN FISHING VESSELS REQUEST SAN FRANCISCO
PORT CALL

1. COAST GUARD ADVISED DEPARTMENT ON JULY 14 THAT
BULGARIAN FISHING VESSELS ARGONAUT AND KITEN HAD PREVIOUS
EVENING REQUESTED AND BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO ENTER
SAN FRANCISCO FOR BUNKERING ON JULY 14 AND 15
RESPECTIVELY. TWO VESSELS ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING WITH
APPROXIMATELY SIX OTHER BULGARIAN SHIPS IN PACIFIC
FISHERIES. COAST GUARD HAD ALSO INFORMED AGENT -
GENERAL STEAMSHIP CORP. - THAT PERMISSION HAD BEEN DENIED
FOR ENTRY.

2. AFTERNOON OF JULY 14, BULGARIAN EMBOFF CALLED
DEPARTMENT TO INFORM US OF THIS SITUATION AND TO INQUIRE
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AS TO WHAT COULD BE DONE ABOUT IT- DEPARTMENT OFFICER

EXPLAINED THAT U.S. POLICY IS NOT TO ALLOW FISHING VESSELS OF NATION HAVING NEITHER TRADITIONAL FISHERIES OFF OUR COAST (PACIFIC OR ATLANTIC) NOR A BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT TO ENTER A U.S. PORT SERVING THESE FISHERIES. BULGARIAN VESSELS FISHING IN THE PACIFIC WOULD THEREFORE NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE US PORTS AT THIS TIME. OFFICER

POINTED OUT THAT AFTER OUR 200 HUNDRED MILE LAW WENT INTO EFFECT THEY COULD ALSO NO LONGER FISH IN THESE AREAS, WITHOUT A BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT. IF AS GOB HAS PROPOSED, WE WERE ABLE TO CONCLUDE A FISHERIES AGREEMENT BULGARS MIGHT THEREBY GAIN USE OF OUR PORTS.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE POSSIBLE DEMARCHE FROM MFA ON THIS SUBJECT. YOU MAY DRAW ON POINTS MADE IN PARA 2. (SEPTTEL WILL ADVISE THAT DEPT NOW PREPARED TO SEND TEAM TO BULGARIA TO DISCUSS FISHERIES.) KISSINGER

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